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**WHITE PLAINS FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS HIGHEST
ISO PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION
WHITE PLAINS ONE OF ONLY 97 DEPARTMENTS
IN NATION TO EARN HIGHEST RATING**

WHITE PLAINS, NY – July 8, 2015. The White Plains Fire Department has once again achieved an Insurance Services Office (ISO) Public Protection Classification rating of 1, the highest rating offered. This significant accomplishment recognizes the White Plains Fire Department’s structure fire suppression capabilities, which encompass:

- Emergency communications and dispatching systems;
- Fire department equipment, staffing, training, geographic distribution of fire companies, operational considerations, and community risk reduction programs and initiatives;
- Needed fire flows, which are representative building locations used to determine the theoretical amount of water necessary for fire suppression purposes; and
- Water supply, including inspection and flow testing of hydrants, alternative water supply operations and an evaluation of the amount of available water compared with the amount needed to suppress fires up to 3,500 gpm.

The White Plains Fire Department earned 91.90 credits for a Class 1 rating out of a possible 105.50 points of credit available. In 2015, the ISO reported that only 97 fire departments in the country earned this rating out of 48,855 rated departments. In New York State there are three fire departments with an ISO rating of 1.

According to the ISO report on White Plains, “A community’s investment in fire mitigation is a proven and reliable predictor of future fire losses.” That’s good for public safety in our community. It’s also good for the bottom line. The report further indicates that, “In general, the price of fire insurance in a community with a good Public Protection Classification (“PPC”)



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grade is substantially lower than in a community with a poor PPC grade...” White Plains’ rating will benefit the community by reducing the City’s fire insurance premiums.

Mayor Roach said, “The hard work and dedication of the White Plains Fire Department is evident every day. Today, however, those characteristics have been recognized by an independent appraiser and the WPFd has taken its place among the elite fire departments in the state and the country.”

Public Safety Commissioner Chong said, “I would like to congratulate Chief Lyman and the entire Fire Bureau on this achievement. I have seen firsthand their outstanding work and commitment to improving the safety of our residents and businesses, as well as the tens of thousands of employees and visitors who come to White Plains every day.”

Fire Chief Lyman said, “This rating would not be possible without the collaboration and cooperation of the Department of Public Works, Department of Building, Fire Bureau and Public Safety Communications. I would like to personally thank these departments and the personnel who worked with us to collect the data and to prepare the information necessary for presentation during the evaluation by ISO.”

About ISO:

ISO is an independent company that serves insurance companies, communities, fire departments, insurance regulators, and others by providing information about risk. ISO’s staff collects information about municipal fire suppression efforts in communities throughout the United States. In each of those communities, ISO analyzes the relevant data and assigns a PPC grade – a number from 1 to 10. Class 1 represents an exemplary fire suppression program, and Class 10 indicates that the area’s fire suppression program does not meet ISO’s minimum criteria.

ISO’s PPC program evaluates communities according to a uniform set of criteria, incorporating nationally recognized standards developed by the National Fire Protection Association and the American Water Works Association.

For further information regarding the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule and the Public Protection Classification go to www.isomitigation.com.

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